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SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR MANAGING INVENTORY OF BLOOD COMPONENT COLLECTION SOFT GOODS IN A BLOOD

COMPONENT COLLECTION FACILITY

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Dear Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified Application requests a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of October 20, 2003. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on January 20, 2004. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at April 20, 2004. Applicant submits herewith a check for the three month extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit our Account No. 23-0280 for any payment deficiencies in this matter. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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